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TECHNOLOGY

Ottawa puts out call for workers to keep up with demand

Drew May
For Metro | Ottawa

Invest Ottawa has launched a new campaign aimed at getting American tech workers to pack their bags and move to Ottawa.

The initiative, called Work in Ottawa, is aimed at bringing senior employees from tech hubs in the United States to fill roles at start-ups in the city, said Ryan Gibson, lead marketing strategist at Invest Ottawa. He said Ottawa has many high-tech companies but not enough qualified people to fill the jobs.

"There's just more jobs than people," Gibson said. "It doesn't matter if you go to Boston, Barcelona or Silicon Valley. They're all facing a talent crunch and we're no different."

He said the city produces almost enough qualified workers for entry-level positions, but businesses need senior people to dictate their futures and grow.

A pilot project targeting Canadians last fall received a high level of interest, Gibson said. The campaign is now targeting people with digital ads in Massachusetts, Florida, Texas, California, and New York State.

Currently, the Work in Ottawa job board lists 256 jobs from companies such as Shopify, Blackberry and Huawei. According to the City of Ottawa, there are over 70,000 people employed by the high-tech industry in the city.

Gibson said the goal is for the program to help find people for some of the estimated 9,000 new tech jobs estimated to be created in Ottawa over the next two years.

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#WomenOnBoards

U.S. firm brings its diversity fight here

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

An American firm meant to bring more women to corporate boards is expanding into Canada, with the company set to ring the opening bell at the Toronto Stock Exchange Tuesday.

The Boardlist began in Silicon Valley as a website that uses nominations to highlight women who could be available to join a corporate board. The company currently has 1,600 women available, who have been recommended by industry peers.

Sukhinder Singh Cassidy, the company's founder, said Canada made sense as an expansion hub because Canadian companies and the government are concerned about representation.

"I am excited to see Canada has had a gender diversity agenda, driven by the prime minister," she said. "It felt like it was a very right market for us to expand into."

> **"I am excited to see Canada has had a diversity agenda.**
> Sukhinder Singh Cassidy

The company launched in the U.S. a year and a half ago and has been steadily growing since then.

Cassidy said tech companies, especially, are desperately seeking talent and not having a diverse board make-up can stop them from seeing why they struggle to attract staff.

"These gaps are some of the things that are preventing them from being able to harness the power of the workforce."

She said companies are also seeing a generational change in leadership.

"On every board right now across the globe there is pressure to add new directors and particularly new directors that understand new customer segments like millennials."

She said bringing the company to Canada will not only expand the pool of qualified women that can serve on boards, but also expose qualified Canadians to new opportunities.

HOCKEY MAYOR GETS HIS JUST DESSERTS Mayor Jim Watson and Elizabeth Moore Aubin from the United States Embassy settled their bet on the outcome of the NHL playoff series between the Ottawa Senators and the Boston Bruins. The Senators' victory meant a homemade Boston cream pie delivered to Watson on Monday. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Experts see value in blind hiring project

EMPLOYMENT

Studies show people with foreign names interviewed less

Alex Abdelwahab
Metro | Ottawa

The federal government's pilot project to implement so-called "name-blind" recruitment could be an important testing ground for a popular academic theory, according to experts.

"This should give us a bit of a real world data set. I think that's useful to have," said Andrew Griffith, a former director general of the citizenship and immigration department, who spent 30 years in the public service.

The pilot project will see six government departments remove names from job applications, in order to not be influenced from any unconscious bias during the hiring process. They will then release the results of the pilot in October.

Several studies, including a joint study earlier this year by the University of Toronto and Ryerson University, have showed candidates with foreign-sounding names get called for interviews less often than their counterparts with Anglo-Canadian names.

The six departments implementing the pilot include Griffith's former department: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada; the Department of National Defence; Global Affairs Canada; Public Services and Procurement Canada; Environment and Climate Change Canada; and the Treasure Board Secretariat.

"There's a real advantage to doing this kind of thing because I'm very convinced by the kind of analysis that shows if your name is Jane, you're more likely to be called for an interview than if your name is Samaira," Griffith said.

However, he cautioned that it worked best as an initiative to screen people into the public service, and would not necessarily be replicable at higher levels within the departments.

"At a higher level, you'll be known no matter even if you take the name off. Government is a large organization, but departments are not that large," Griffith said, explaining the work examples within the applications would allow the recruiters to identify the candidate even if their name wasn't included.

> **"I certainly applaud the federal government for setting up a pilot around this because I think it will provide leadership for other organizations.** Ruth Wright

Ruth Wright, director of leadership and human resources leadership with the Conference Board of Canada, said she is very interested to hear about the results of the pilot.

"I certainly applaud the federal government for setting up a pilot around this because I think it will provide leadership for other organizations," she said. "I think it's something that's maybe overdue."

While similar initiatives have been done in other countries — in the United Kingdom, the government requires name-blind applications for university admissions, the civil service, local government and the BBC — Wright said she hasn't heard of many examples in Canada.

"Taking on these pilots can only teach us things," she said. "It has been slow to catch on in organizations."

ABORTION

City must do more for clinic: Protesters

Tamar Harris
For Metro | Ottawa

Organizers are expecting hundreds of people Wednesday to call upon the city to do more to protect the Morgentaler Clinic.

The rally, scheduled for Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at the Human Rights Monument, will support enforcement of an Ottawa bylaw that requires protesters to stay across the street from the abortion clinic entrance.

Organizers also want the city to supply financial grants to fund a legal challenge to create a "bubble zone" around the clinic that protesters cannot breach.

"It really just started as a Facebook status, and then because so many people responded to it, it turned into a Facebook event," said organizer Tamsin Fitzgerald. "And it's kind of just grown from there."

Concerns about pro-life demonstrators outside the clinic were brought to light in a column by the Torstar News Service's Heather Mallick. She said police do not enforce the bylaw requiring demonstrators stay on the sidewalk across from the clinic.

Ottawa police chief Charles Bordeleau said in a statement the bylaw in question "was not intended to apply to an individual engaged in expressive activity on a sidewalk as in this particular case," but rather large scale protests.

"We continually respond to calls for service at this location, most related to protesters and graphic signs," said Bordeleau.

But organizers of Wednesday's rally say Ottawa police are not doing enough.

"We want the Ottawa police to apply the bylaw to ensure that those who use the Morgentaler Clinic can do so without being harassed," said Fitzgerald.

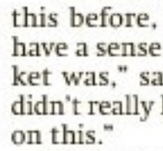
Approximately 350 people are projected to attend the rally.

"I really feel like the Women's March that happened in January helped build momentum for causes like this," Fitzgerald said. "It was kind of a general cause. Now that individuals in Ottawa are seeing that there's an actual issue in their community that they can do something about, I think they're further inspired to actually do something within their immediate community."

Canada Day camping spots don't appear to fly

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Low demand means lots of places left to pitch a tent



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People looking to pitch a tent outside a city recreation centre during Canada Day festivities still have plenty of spots open to them, as there has been only limited demand so far.

Forty-one tent sites have been sold out of a total 235 available across the city, and 19 RV sites have been sold out of an available 336 (263 are available for RVs and 73 are available for Long RVs).

Urban camping sites in 10 city parking lots and green spaces will be set up to facilitate the number of visitors pouring into the city for Canada 150 celebrations. Ottawa began selling urban camping units across the city in March.

Dan Chenier, the general manager for Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services for the City of Ottawa, said he anticipates sales for urban camp sites will increase as Canada Day nears and people firm up their summer plans.

"Because we've never done this before, we didn't really have a sense of what the market was," said Chenier. "We didn't really have expectations on this."

Ottawa typically has enough accommodations to facilitate the average number of tourists and visitors it receives as a capital city — but the anticipated influx this summer has hotels and motels across the city booking up in advance. That's why Ottawa is offering urban camping.

"It became evident quite early in the year that hotel and motel occupancies would be at an all-time high," said Chenier. "In fact, some establishments had already sold out for that weekend. The 2017 office proposed to the city that we look at offering an urban camping option for folks that couldn't find accommodations in the city for the Canada Day weekend."

Canada Day draws like the Snowbirds — shown July 1 last year — don't seem enough to get people to choose an urban campsite over a hotel or motel to celebrate this year in the capital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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> Dan Chenier

Quebec City and Gatineau have offered similar urban camping programs in the past.

Urban camping is being offered in municipal parking lots and green spaces across the city in three or five-night packages between June 29 and July 4. Five-night packages sold best, Chenier said, because of an early-bird special.

Sites were selected because of their central location and the presence of nearby facilities with washrooms and showers for campers to use.

Chenier said that the Tom Brown Arena site, which is located closest to Parliament Hill, is far by the most popular site with 30 spots already sold.

With just a little over two months before Canada 150 kicks into gear, just under 90 per cent of urban camping sites are still available.

PAY PROBLEMS

Phoenix bugs hit unions

The federal government says it's trying to figure out how much its troubled electronic pay system has shortchanged the unions representing thousands of civil servants facing unforeseen pay issues.

But officials aren't saying whether the unions will be granted emergency payments like those being offered to workers who've been improperly paid through the Phoenix pay system.

For the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC), it's become an "extreme" problem, says the union's national president, Debi Daviau.

The union, which represents more than 50,000 federal workers including accountants, engineers and scientists, said it's owed nearly $2 million in unpaid dues from its members that have been collected by the government but not handed over, or not collected at all.

While its focus has been on ensuring its members are paid properly, the cash shortfall is creating serious difficulties as it tries to help individual civil servants sort through their pay issues, said Daviau.

"Our focus remains making sure our members get paid," she said.

"(But) there's been an extreme draw on our resources (and) the lack of incoming dues to support all of these resources is starting to become a problem."

PIPSC representatives met government officials in February and requested short-term financial help as the dues shortfall was being tallied. But the problem has grown since, said Daviau.

"Delays in processing certain pay transactions have resulted in delayed remittances to the unions," Public Service and Procurement Canada acknowledged in an email message.

"We continue to work closely to address union dues issues and requests that funds be advanced," a Treasury Board official said in a separate email.

The Public Service Alliance of Canada, which speaks on behalf of more than 180,000 government workers — the vast majority of them at the federal level — wouldn't reveal publicly how much it's owed, saying it'll sort through the dues mess once it's satisfied the government has fixed the Phoenix pay system for good.

"In some cases, union dues have been impacted by the Phoenix pay issues, but we are more focused right now on our members getting paid properly because of the Phoenix debacle," said PSAC national president Robyn Benson.

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SECURITY

Thieves target garages

Alex Abdelwahab
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The Ottawa Police warn of an increase in break and enters in insecure sheds and garages.

Staff Sgt. Michael Haarbosch said it happens in warmer weather. "The shed gets left open or the garage door gets left open and people walk around to the back of the house," he said. "It takes under a minute to walk into one of these garages or sheds, pick something up and walk away."

Police sdvise securing sheds and garages to deter crime.

They are also asking for residents to take note of the make, model and serial numbers of their items to assist their investigation, if a theft does happen.

KANATA

Fire causes $50K damage to classroom

Drew May
For Metro | Ottawa

An overnight fire on Monday caused $50,000 in damage to a portable classroom at the Kanata Montessori School.

Ottawa Fire Services spokesperson Danielle Cardinal said the cost of the damage is so high because it was a high-end classroom with musical instruments.

Ottawa Fire Services Investigators and the Ottawa Police Arson Unit are investigating.

Ottawa police spokesman Const. Chuck Benoit confirmed the cause is being investigated but has not been determined yet. He said the fire is being treated as suspicious.

Ottawa Fire Services received a 911 call from someone reporting trees on fire near the school around 12:15 on Monday, according to a news release.

The fire was under control by around 12:45 that morning. No one was present at the scene of the fire and there were no injuries.

A post on the school's Facebook page said the school opened as normal on Monday morning.

HEALTH

CHEO ask for hacker assistance

The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario is inviting local hackers in this weekend to come up with big ideas to make life easier for doctors and patients.

Haidee Thanda, the founder of Hacking Health Ottawa, said the idea behind the hackathon event is "rapid prototyping" or squeezing the journey from idea to prototype into one weekend to quickly see what works and what doesn't. "We bring together technologists, designers, healthcare professionals in the same room so we can solve healthcare problems," she said. The problems are being brought forward by physicians at CHEO like Mary-Pat Schlosser.

Ideas submitted so far include being able to provide real-time information on wait times to patients, a smart knee brace, or allowing patients to ask their family doctors quick questions without getting overwhelmed.

"There's lots of hurdles in terms of figuring out how we can safely use some of the technology to best provide patient care, but I think the first step is trying things out and getting these groups together to be able to start to address these problems," said Schlosser.

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> Haidee Thanda, the founder of Hacking Health Ottawa

Thanda said the hackathon is focused on practicality: over 30 business leaders from the community will consult with the groups on how to make their final concepts sustainable. One prize includes allowing a group to pilot their work in the hospital environment. Other prizes, totalling a value of $120,000, came from sponsors that include IBM, Joule and Carleton University.

"Healthcare is a challenging space to break into because of privacy concerns and procurement protocols. Our goal is to break down the barriers to innovation and healthcare," said Thanda. At a similar event in Montreal, Thanda saw an app to diagnose speech and language problems go from ideas to prototype in a single weekend. That original prototype, called ELMO, is now used in the hospital and has cut down assessment times.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Medical cannabis growers eyeing recreational market

GOVERNMENT TAXES

Producers say weed prices must be low to push out dealers

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Medical marijuana growers say they should be able to supply recreational pot to customers cheaper than drug dealers offer it today, but that's if the government keeps taxes low.

The government unveiled its marijuana legalization legislation earlier this month and is aiming to have the details worked out to sell marijuana legally by July 2018.

Federal finance minister Bill Morneau said last week maximizing federal revenues is not, and will not be, the priority on pot, suggesting Ottawa favours keeping prices competitive against the street value in order to drive the local pushers out of business.

"The driver as we look at taxation in this sector will be 'How do we tax in a way that makes sure we get criminals out?' That gives you context for the way we're thinking about it," Morneau said in a roundtable interview.

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> Federal finance minister Bill Morneau

"Revenue maximization is absolutely not our goal."

Jordan Sinclair, director of communications for Canopy Growth Corporation, a medical marijuana grow facility in Smiths Falls, said they're glad to hear that. He said the government can't set prices high if it wants to shut down the illegal trade.

"If people are making decisions with their pocket books they will stick with the status quo," he said.

He said his company sells medical marijuana now for between $6 and $12 per gram, with a special program for low-income patients. He said the recreational market will likely be in the same range, which they believe is below illicit pot.

He said generally marijuana has had a stable price that doesn't seem to be subject to a lot of ups and downs.

"It seems to be, at least on black markets, immune to inflation. It cost college kids the same amount to buy it today as it did 15 years ago."

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Medical marijuana growers plan to expand into the recreational market when pot becomes fully legal next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS/RON WARD

OVERDOSES

Police seek drug source, but Fentanyl a likely culprit

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

It was a busy weekend at the Ottawa Hospital's emergency department, with 13 overdoses reported since Friday adding to a total of 28 this past week.

Hospital spokesperson Michaela Schreiter said seven of those cases came in on Friday alone.

"Some of the patients required high doses of Naloxone," said Schreiter, who warned that overdosing drug users need to be brought to the hospital even if Naloxone is administered by a member of the public.

"The effects of illicit opioids can last for hours while Naloxone lasts only an hour," she said.

Police Chief Charles Bordeleau told the Ottawa Police Services Board on Monday that police are trying to track the source of the drugs.

"We all heard the warning from local hospitals regarding a spike in the number of patient overdoses being brought to emergency rooms in the past week. More overdoses were reported over the weekend," he explained.

> **13**
> **Number of overdoses reported since Friday, April 21.**

"While we don't yet know the cause, drugs like Fentanyl and counterfeit pills are always suspected in these circumstances."

"Our drug unit is investigating these overdoses to establish where the drugs came from. We continue to encourage the community to report any information related to drug trafficking."

In their report to the board, Crime Stoppers said it has seen an increase in tips related to Fentanyl. The organization doesn't want to give an exact number of tips in order to protect informants.

Bordeleau said while investigations will continue, a key element in preventing deaths is informing the public on the current risks.

"The focus needs to be on educating people about the dangers of these drugs and counterfeit pills. The only pills you can truly trust are those that come from your pharmacist," he said.

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Wildfires get 'more complex'

SAFETY

Emergency experts explain major lessons from disaster

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Scott Jennings is a firefighter who has just returned to the Fort McMurray area for the new season. This spring, fire teams are hoping to put lessons learned from last year's disaster to use. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Buried underground on the western shore of Gordon Lake in northern Alberta, the forest fire dubbed "The Beast" lives.

Not that Bernie Schmitte, the forest area manager for Fort McMurray, uses that moniker.

"We don't name our fires after mystical creatures," he said dryly.

His team is now gearing up for a new fire season — and learning from last year.

He is in charge of both forest management and firefighting for an area of boreal forest that starts south of Fort McMurray and stretches up to the Northwest Territories.

His Fort McMurray office is a command centre full of screens that track everything from the location of water bombers and lightning strikes, to the amount of food each camp has in stock.

"Wildfires are becoming larger and more complex and harder to fight," he said, noting his department constantly evolves to keep up.

The Fort McMurray fire drove home lessons about the importance of building relationships between governmental departments, as well as between government and industry, Schmitte said.

"We've learned that sometimes we should do more than just phone calls," he said.

His department is also rolling out improvements that were in the works before the fire, like adding an extra fire crew, enabling fire watch towers to upload weather automatically and hammering out a new fire management plan for the area.

Still, he said his job is a constant balancing act between public safety and the reality of being located in the heart of the boreal forest.

Kerry Anderson, an Edmonton-based fire research scientist with the Canadian Forest Service said that the Fort Mac fire has "elevated the urgency" of ongoing work to make a better model to predict the behaviour of large fires.

"Fire is a natural part of the ecosystem," he noted. "The cones of some trees are waiting for a forest fire to come through before they open up and reseed the forest. It's a forest designed to live and breathe fire."

Since fires are a given — and becoming more frequent thanks to climate change — more accurate predictions are a necessity.

Even last year, models predicted above average fire risk thanks to warm temperatures and a lack of precipitation, Anderson said. ("Now does that qualify as a prediction of a catastrophic fire that would burn down Fort McMurray? No it doesn't," he added.)

Part of the answer may lie in a new American technology called FireTec that was brought to Alberta after the Slave Lake fire in 2011. It uses a super computer to model how fires behave on the landscape. If scientists understand that better they can start introducing defensive measures like fuel breaks, which are gaps in vegetation created to slow a fire down, Anderson said.

It's only been in use here for about a year, but Anderson said scientists hope to use it to study what happened in Fort McMurray last year. The province is expected to release a review of the fire response in May, along with recommendations. The RCMP is also still at work on its investigation into the cause of the fire, which is still technically burning.

After monitoring the embers through the winter, crews deemed the fire no longer a threat, Schmitte said, but the goal is still 100 per cent extinguishment. So helicopters will soon drop crews at Gordon Lake to dig out the remaining hotspots from the Horse Creek fire (the official name) and extinguish them once and for all.

"We don't say that a fire is extinguished," Schmitte said, "until it's certain that there are no further hot spots."

'Fastest transfer' of aid

Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Funds from the biggest Canadian Red Cross campaign in history are still rolling out to help Fort McMurray residents a year after wildfires ravaged the city.

The Red Cross gave an update Monday pegging its grand fundraising total at $323 million, including donations from more than one million Canadians, $104 million in matching funds from the federal government and $30 million from the province.

"This became the largest and fastest transfer of emergency financial assistance ever — not just in Canada, but in the world," said Canadian Red Cross CEO Conrad Sauve.

Distribution started early last year with more than 126,000 electronic fund transfers made directly to residents who registered with Red Cross, to cover rent, mortgage, utilities, food, gas and clothing. The charity also financed close to 11,000 plane and bus tickets for residents to get back home.

Sauve said technology made the swift response possible, with thousands of families registering for help online. The Red Cross social media channels surged by more than 6,000 per cent in the days following the evacuation, and 40 volunteers worked full time just to manage those accounts.

Sauve said mental health supports for residents will be a major focus of the charity's work in the region going forward.

VANCOUVER

Sting in tale as World Penguin Day puts focus on plight

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Aquarium has seven African penguins. The aquarium is hoping the creatures will charm people enough to help save the endangered animals. WANYEE LI/METRO

Tuesday marks World Penguin Day and while Vancouver is not the natural home of any penguins, the city's aquarium hopes its seven African penguins will charm people enough to save the endangered animals.

The seven birds spend their day eating herring, playing with cat toys, and waddling around the Vancouver Aquarium exhibit.

Each penguin has its own personality, said Kristi Heffron, a senior marine mammal trainer at the aquarium.

"They do like shadows so sometimes we'll do shadows with our hands. There are other times where they'll amuse themselves chasing a bug around."

But their cousins in the wild are not so lucky — 95 per cent of the world's penguin population has been decimated in the past two decades, according to the aquarium.

Heffron hopes the aquarium's penguins can convince people to do what they can to help penguins in the wild. The biggest thing people can do is eat sustainably caught seafood, she said.

Wild penguins are monogamous for life and their counterparts at the Vancouver Aquarium are no exception — six of the birds are partnered up, according to Heffron.

This pairing behaviour is not immediately obvious while the penguins are in the exhibit but trainers say its clear when the animals go to bed.

"At night, you can definitely see a preference. Steveston will like to hang out with Lillooet and vice versa," said Heffron.

The penguins, who are named after B.C. places, wear coloured bands to help trainers ID them.

The seventh penguin, Hope, does not have a partner but seems especially interested in humans, said Heffron.

"She doesn't seem to mind that the other birds are paired up. She'll see us and run over to us to hang out with the trainers."

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Halifax schools could soon acknowledge Mi'kmaq land

The morning ritual for Halifax students may soon be expanded beyond the national anthem, to include a daily reminder that their school sits on traditional Mi'kmaq territory.

A member of the Halifax Regional School Board is proposing that an acknowledgment be read out as part of morning announcements.

Jessica Rose, the board's Mi'kmaq representative, said Monday that the proposal was brought up at a committee meeting last Wednesday with hopes it can be adopted and in place by September. Rose said the gesture may help aboriginal students gain a sense of pride in their heritage.

"I think it's fantastic," she said. "For some of our First Nations students they might not feel comfortable talking about their culture and they might not feel comfortable self-identifying ... so I think this could really help with that."

She said it would likely be a simple statement that could be understood by children of all ages and would be read along with housekeeping announcements and the singing of the national anthem at each school.

Rose said the idea came from a colleague, who saw that the Toronto District School Board had introduced a similar motion last year.

The message, read every morning at that board's roughly 585 schools, recognizes they sit on traditional First Nations territories. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FRANCE

Old guard rallies to keep Le Pen out

France's established parties are rallying around the man who helped shut them out of the presidential runoff, maverick centrist Emmanuel Macron — an alliance of convenience aimed at keeping far-right Marine Le Pen out of the Elysee Palace.

Support for Macron poured in from the seat of the European Union, as well as German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Jewish and Muslim groups troubled by Le Pen's nationalist vision.

European stock markets surged, and France's main index hit its highest level since early 2008, as investors gambled that the rise of populism around the world — and its associated unpredictability in policymaking — may have peaked.

For all the paeans to Macron's unifying vision in divided times, it is now up to French voters to decide whether to entrust him with this nuclear-armed nation in the May 7 presidential runoff. Polls consider him the frontrunner but that's no guarantee the French will stop Le Pen the way they stopped her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, from reaching the presidency in 2002.

France's divided political mainstream, rejected by an angry electorate, united Monday to urge voters to back Macron and reject Le Pen's far-right agenda.

Politicians on the moderate left and right, including French President Francois Hollande and the losing Socialist and Republican party candidates in Sunday's first-round vote, manoeuvred to block Le Pen's path to power.

The contest is widely seen as a litmus test for the populist wave that last year prompted Britain to vote to leave the European Union and U.S. voters to elect Donald Trump president.

Le Pen, meanwhile, is hoping to peel away voters historically opposed to her National Front Party, long tainted by racism and anti-Semitism.

On Monday, she took a step in that direction, announcing she was temporarily stepping down as party leader, a move aimed at drawing a wider range of voters in keeping with her efforts in recent years to garner broader support from the left and right.

"Tonight, I am no longer the president of the National Front. I am the presidential candidate," she said on French public television news, adding that she wanted to be "above partisan considerations." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AIRLINES

Lawyer represents two viral video passengers

The woman seen sobbing in a viral video after an American Airlines flight attendant took away her stroller now has a lawyer — the same attorney representing a man dragged off a United Express flight earlier this month.

The Chicago lawyer, Thomas Demetrio, says the flight attendant was "out of control" and nearly hit one of the woman's two young children with the stroller.

An American Airlines spokesman said they refunded the woman's tickets and upgraded her to first class for the rest of her trip to Argentina.

Two weeks earlier, airport police dragged a passenger off a plane when he refused to give up his seat for an airline employee.

The videos have put airlines on the defensive in the court of public opinion.

"We live in the age of cellphone video, so corporations have to take heed," Demetrio told NBC-TV. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former U.S. president Barack Obama visits with youth leaders at the University of Chicago in his first formal public appearance since leaving office. GETTY IMAGES

Obama opens up on leadership, listening

CHICAGO

Full of advice at university talk, but no comment on successor

Former U.S. president Barack Obama used his first public appearance since leaving office to dole out advice to young people on leadership, managing social media and even marriage. What he didn't do was mention his successor.

At a forum Monday for students at the University of Chicago, adjacent to where his presidential library will stand, Obama talked about his formative experiences as a community organizer and as a young politician running for office in Illinois. But for much of the panel event, he listened.

"Although there are all kinds of issues that I care about and all kinds of issues that I intend to work on, the single most important thing I can do is to help in any way I can to prepare the next generation of leadership to take up the baton and take their own crack at changing the world," Obama said during event, which was invite-only and streamed live online.

He told the hundreds of area students in the audience that his focus after holding the nation's highest office will be civic engagement with young people, and that he hopes his presidential library, which will stand near the edge of campus, will be part of that mission.

> **Listen to understand. I learned that in marriage.**
> Barack Obama

His first public engagement Monday came as President Donald Trump neared his 100-day mark in office. But Obama shied away from addressing specific policies or his own two terms as president. When it came to current events, he stuck to generalities.

He also dropped in a marital tidbit, saying it's best to "listen to understand" instead of listening "to respond."

"I learned that in marriage," he said to laughs from the audience. "That'll save you a lot of heartache and grief."

Obama said his work as a young organizer, which included meeting with Chicago public housing residents, laid the foundation for his time in office.

"This community gave me a lot more than I was able to give in return," he said.

"This community taught me that everybody has a story to tell that is important." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Malaria vaccine trial in Africa

Three African countries have been chosen to test the world's first malaria vaccine, the World Health Organization announced. Ghana, Kenya and Malawi will pilot the injectable vaccine next year with hundreds of thousands of young children, who have been at highest risk of death.

The vaccine, which has partial effectiveness, has the potential to save tens of thousands of lives if used with existing measures, the WHO regional director for Africa, Dr. Matshidiso Moeti, said. The challenge is whether impoverished countries can deliver the required four doses of the vaccine for each child.

Malaria remains one of the world's most stubborn health challenges, infecting more than 200 million people every year and killing about half a million, most of them children in Africa.

Kenya, Ghana and Malawi were chosen for the vaccine pilot because all have strong prevention and vaccination programs but continue to have high numbers of malaria cases, WHO said. The countries will deliver the vaccine through their existing vaccination programs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A baby receives a malaria vaccine in Kombewa in western Kenya.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

‘A terrible life full of violence’

CRIME

Two charged in death of Edmonton toddler

Omar Mosleh
Metro | Edmonton

Family members identified the toddler as 19-month-old Anthony Joseph Raine. CONTRIBUTED

The toddler found dead near a church in north Edmonton Friday suffered a life “full of violence,” police said Monday.

Speaking at a press conference, EPS Staff Sgt. Duane Hunter confirmed police had charged Joey Crier, 26 and Tasha-Lee Mack, 25, with second-degree murder in relation to the death of the 19-month-old.

Family members identified the toddler on social media as Anthony Joseph Raine.

Crier was the father of the boy, while Mack was his girlfriend.

The boy died of trauma to the head. Hunter said Anthony was “absolutely” the victim of ongoing violence.

“He suffered a lot of trauma … he was living a terrible life full of violence. One that is incredibly sad,” Hunter said.

The boy was found clothed with bruises all over his body, Hunter said. He could not explain the exact nature of the bruises because the charges are now before the courts, he said, and the injuries are considered evidence.

Police offered no motive for the murder and said there was no indication from social services or any other agency that they were investigating problems in the family.

Officers were called out on Friday after a passerby found the toddler’s body near Good Shepherd Anglican Church, in the area of 155 Avenue and Castledowns Road.

Police believe Raine had been there since Tuesday. They say he was left there between 10:51 a.m. and 11:51 a.m.

Crier and Mack were arrested on an ETS bus on Saturday. Hunter said ETS’s help and video footage were “instrumental” in the arrest.

He added that the media and public played a significant role in moving the investigation forward. Hunter said the tips from the public were the most he’d seen.

“The media involvement and the social participation has been incredible and instrumental in allowing us to solve the case and lay the appropriate charges … Some of those tips led us to the very people who we believe to be responsible for this homicide,” he said.

Hunter said the “devastating news” has affected the entire city, including EPS officers.

“I’m a dad with three kids. It weighs heavy on everyone.”

Crier faces charges of second-degree murder, criminal negligence causing death, failure to provide the necessaries of life, assault and assault causing bodily harm. Mack is charged with second-degree murder, criminal negligence causing death, failure to provide the necessaries of life and assault.

EXECUTIVE WAGES

Push for say-on-pay votes

Regulators should make public companies hold a vote on the pay packages of top executives, say investors advocates, with compensation expected to be a major issue at the annual general meetings of some of Canada’s biggest corporations this year.

Canadian shareholders typically head to annual meetings in April and May, where some but not all companies give them a say on executive pay through advisory motions. While the motions are non-binding, they can be uncomfortable for highly paid CEOs and spur corporate boards to review compensation.

The issue was highlighted on Thursday when TransAlta Corp. shareholders voted down the power plant owner’s executive pay plan, under which chief executive Dawn Farrell received a special one-time payment for “extraordinary leadership” as part of her $7.39 million in total compensation.

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SOFTWOOD LUMBER

No swift retaliation on duties

Ottawa has talked with provinces about helping Canada’s forestry sector, but won’t act swiftly once the U.S. imposes duties on softwood lumber imports, says a government source.

The issue will heat up Tuesday when the U.S. is set to announce a first batch of duties on Canadian lumber, which President Donald Trump has reportedly said will be in the neighbourhood of 20 per cent. The president reportedly made the remarks in a White House discussion with conservative media outlets.

The Canadian government has been expecting it, but it will wait to see the details of various punitive measures before calculating the aid amount.

“Any determination really can’t be made until we’ve seen what the rate and penalty will be,” said an official who declined to be identified because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

It took the federal government more than a year to announce the first of two aid packages after duties were imposed in 2001. It first gave more than $300 million in late 2002 and then $1.5 billion in November 2005, with $900 million for loan insurance to help financially strapped exporters that had more than $5 billion tied up in duties.

The U.S. Commerce Department is slated to announce Tuesday preliminary countervailing duties on Canadian imports. A decision on anti-dumping duties is expected to follow on June 23.

Industry analysts expect the combined duties could range between 30 and 40 per cent with three top Western producers being charged more than Resolute Forest Products and New Brunswick’s J.D. Irving. An average rate will be applied to other companies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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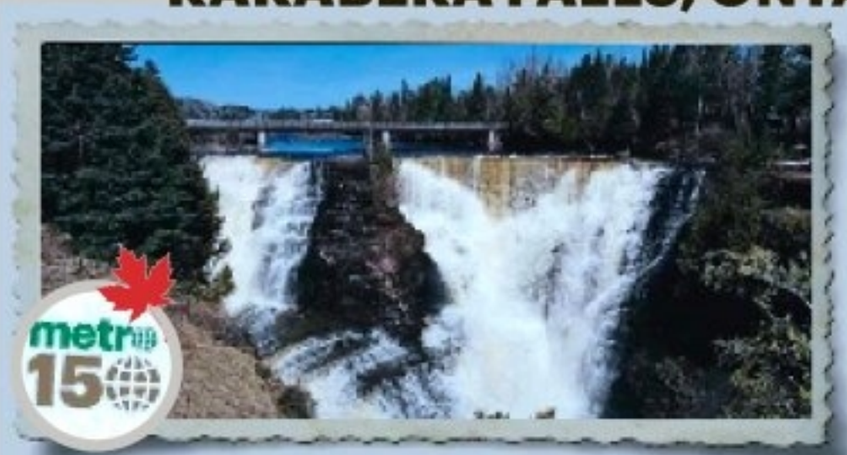

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Five ways San Fran fixed parking

Everyone hates parking. Drivers can't find spaces when they need them, non-drivers argue it's mismanaged real estate, and despite all the frustration nothing changes. But it doesn't have to be this way. San Francisco tired of the status quo, so they harnessed the power of parking for good with SFpark, a $40-million program to save the city time, money and grief.

1
To get better data, the city installed sensors in asphalt to see when spaces were empty, and adjusted prices up or down by 25 cents based on demand.
Outcome: The target occupancy is 60 to 80 per cent. With the app, the city hit that goal 31 per cent more frequently than before, and parking was totally full 16 per cent less often.
2
Drivers searching for spaces are a leading cause of congestion, with some studies suggesting they cause as many as half of all traffic jams.
Outcome: By always having spots available, cruising went way down – the average search time decreased by five minutes.
3
Less time circling blocks to find parking means less pollution, congestion, and miles travelled — all good things.
Outcome: Congestion in peak hours declined by 3 per cent, total miles traveled declined by 30 per cent, and so did greenhouse gases emitted by cars.
4
Variable pricing means parking became more costly next to the baseball stadium during games, but more affordable in off-peak times.
Outcome: More spaces were free and the average cost decreased by 4 per cent. At the same time, parking revenue increased, thanks in part to better payment technology.
5
How much more attractive was it for people to shop or dine in the SFpark pilot areas compared to the control group?
Outcome: There was a 30 per cent increase in drivers and passengers in the pilot project area, compared to 9 per cent in the control area.
EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

WORD ON THE STREET by Luke Simcoe for Metro

A toast to the city-building power of craft breweries

Urban renewal is brewing in Pittsburgh, Pa.

I visited the rust belt city recently to bask in the art and architecture on offer, and check out the city's burgeoning craft beer scene.

Throwing back a pint is hardly an unusual vacation activity, but in Steel City, it's where you imbibe that's interesting.

I washed perogies down with a lager made on-site in a former church. I drank a dry cider in the backyard of the house it was fermented in. And I heard rumours of an excellent saison brewed at what was once a slaughterhouse.

Chatting with locals, I learned these microbreweries are important anchors in their communities. They draw residents and tourists to parts of the city where nightlife was previously absent and make it possible for people to walk to their watering holes. They create jobs and bolster other businesses, like the food trucks you find parked outside.

These benefits may be more pronounced in Pittsburgh, a city still finding its footing after the industrial collapse of the late 20th century, but they're not unique to the city. In Toronto, a bevy of new breweries turned formerly industrial areas in the city's west side into vibrant destinations.

While craft breweries can be a shortcut to urban renewal, they don't happen without good zoning laws. During a trip to Winnipeg in 2016, for example, I learned zoning rules prevent breweries from operating outside of industrial areas — not exactly patio-ready spots.

Fortunately, the city is now rethinking its regulations with an eye towards inviting would-be brewers downtown.

Adding beer to the menu in cities is just what urbanist thinker Jane Jacobs meant when she said "new ideas need old buildings." And let's be honest, there's few better places than the bar for sharing new ideas.

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The week in urbanism

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BRIGHT IDEA
Kamloops, B.C., is getting a solar road. A new technology in Canada, the road on the Thompson Rivers University campus will have embedded solar panels, turning it into a power plant.

HELPING HAND
New York City's digital info kiosks are now even more helpful. In addition to providing free Wi-Fi and charging stations, the city is rolling out Aunt Bertha, an existing app that connects citizens to the social services they might need.

CITY CHAMP Metro's Citybuilder of the week

Kalen Anderson is the director of the City of Edmonton's planning department. She farms her backyard, promotes transparency in planning and has pushed infill housing to help the city grow and adapt.
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URBAN DICTIONARY

DEFINITION
The **setback** of a building is the gap between it and the street, other buildings or whatever may be adjacent.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
The extra-wide **setback** on the new skyscraper downtown left plenty of space for sidewalks and a decorative fountain.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE

Documentary sees ex-couple discuss their violent past

A Better Man follows Attiya Khan and ex-boyfriend Steve as they discuss their former relationship. Steve abused her when they were teenagers. Sarah Polley is an executive producer on the documentary. CONTRIBUTED

Attiya Khan, sitting across the table from her former boyfriend, asks if he can describe the way he abused her.

"Oh yeah," he says. "That's tough. That never leaves your mind."

Steve — who abused Khan daily for the two years they dated and lived together as teenagers, decades before this meeting — swallows, looks down, shakes his head and then looks back at her.

"I remember choking you. I don't really remember hitting much, but I remember that."

This is one of several pointed questions Khan asks in a consensually-taped conversation that opens A Better Man, a dialogue-driven documentary that looks deep into an abusive relationship as it was experienced and continues to linger through the lives of both people involved.

The documentary, co-directed by Khan and filmmaker Lawrence Jackman, will have its world premiere at Toronto's Hot Docs festival on Sunday.

In the film, Khan, 43, and Steve, whose surname is undisclosed, visit the Ottawa apartment they used to share, walk through the halls of their former high school and discuss their past with and without a counsellor present. They recall details of the violence that occurred throughout their relationship.

"There is something so satisfying about being able to tell the person who hurt you what exactly it is they did," Khan said. She says when Steve started being accountable for his behaviour, 20-plus years later, she felt she was finally able to start healing.

"I no longer have nightmares about being hurt. Flashbacks are happening a lot less. I don't anticipate violence wherever I go. I'm sleeping better. I feel a sense of calm and happiness I haven't felt before," she says.

In the film, they find where their lockers used to be — Steve remembers the location, while Khan barely recognizes the hallways. She says she rarely looked up when she was a student, afraid Steve would catch her glancing the wrong way.

Beginning a couple of years after Khan left Steve, the two began bumping into each other in the streets. At one of the more recent encounters a few years ago, she asked him if he'd speak with her on camera about their relationship, suggesting the insight might be helpful to others experiencing violence.

About half a year later, he reached out. He was ready to try.

Early on, Khan had only planned to have a small role in the film. But she realized it might be tough to find others who would speak about their own violent actions. She wanted to show both sides of the story and have it led by someone who had experienced abuse, so she and Steve became the focus.

"It's not often we hear about people being accountable to those they have harmed."

Khan says that going into the project, she hadn't considered that people who have been violent could work toward living a completely non-violent life.

She says her talks with Steve changed the way she approaches her work as an advocate and counsellor for those who experience domestic violence. She thinks believing people can change can save lives.

"Many people don't want to hear from people who use violence. We hold anger towards people who have hurt others. This is a valid emotion. However, it's okay to care for someone who has used violence."

Both filmmakers say some scenes will be hard to watch and that it's intentional — they want to show what these discussions look like.

Another main theme in A Better Man is how trauma is amplified when no one intervenes.

"Intimate partner violence is not something we feel comfortable talking about or addressing as a society, and people are understandably afraid they'll be hurt if they intervene," Khan says. "But I needed the film to show how isolating and hurtful it was for me when people chose to look the other way."

To stop violence, Khan says, both the violent person and the abused person can benefit from access to resources and support.

"Talking to Attiya is the reason I'm healing," Steve said. "If we hadn't done this, she might know that I'm sorry, but those are just words. I'm hoping that sitting down and doing this is showing her how sorry I am."

Steve told Khan he never abused anyone before his relationship with her. Khan says she hasn't asked him whether or not he's ever used violence against anyone since. She says she knows revisiting their past was hard for Steve too, and thinks he was brave for taking part in the film.

Khan hopes her film makes it in front of policy-makers, and those in the criminal justice system and social services. "We all need to collaborate and invest in resources that provide a whole range of options for people who have experienced violence to find justice, support and healing. One path towards justice isn't enough." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HEALTH

Hep C screenings not necessary for all, suggest guidelines

The average Canadian adult does not need to be screened for hepatitis C, a blood-borne virus that can in time cause cirrhosis or cancer of the liver, says a task force that develops practice guidelines for primary-care providers.

In its first hepatitis C screening guidelines released Monday, the Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care recommends against widespread testing of adults unless they are considered to have an elevated risk for the disease.

Canadians at high risk include those who: have a history of IV drug use; were born, travelled or resided in countries where hepatitis C is endemic; received blood transfusions or had an organ transplant before 1992, when blood donations weren't tested for the virus; or could have been exposed through potentially hazardous sexual behaviours or by getting a tattoo.

Dr. Roland Grad, chair of the task force group that developed the guidelines, said two systematic reviews of the medical literature found no evidence of benefit from widespread population screening for hepatitis C among low-risk adults.

"What we are saying is that people who are not at an elevated risk don't need to go for a blood test or be screened for hepatitis C," he said.

"But if you are at elevated risk, you should be tested."

Still, one component of the guidelines is sure to be contentious: the task force recommends against routine hepatitis C screening for baby boomers.

"The reason why we could not recommend screening all baby boomers in Canada is there is no direct scientific evidence that doing that will lead to more benefit than harm," said Grad.

"In fact, there's now some evidence coming out of the United States that screening of baby boomers in the U.S. does not provide better clinical outcomes."

That advice runs counter to what many Canadian doctors have been preaching — that those born between 1945 and 1965 should be tested for hepatitis C, a recommendation mirrored in 2012 guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. THE CANADIAN PRESS

250,000

An estimated 250,000 Canadians are infected with hepatitis C, according to the Canadian Liver Foundation. Many people who become infected never develop symptoms and recover completely. Others get a brief, acute illness with fatigue and jaundice, in which the skin and eyes turn yellow.

LGBTQ

Caitlyn Jenner's candid new book

Caitlyn Jenner opened up Monday about her frank new memoir detailing her now 2-year-old transition and the bumps along the way, including her three failed marriages, thoughts of suicide while she was relentlessly pursued by paparazzi, and, finally, freedom to be her true self.

And, yes, contrary to the thoughts of many in the trans community, she uses her former name, Bruce, in the book, "The Secrets of My Life," out this week. And, yes, she describes her liberating, below-the-belt gender reassignment surgery - "The Final Surgery" as she calls it - on the very last page, insisting it's the last word for her about that.

And yes, she takes on, briefly, her conservative political views when it comes to President Donald Trump and issues like less government, but not so on issues important to the LGBTQ community as a whole, such as same-sex marriage.

Why go to any of these places to begin with months after her formal coming out interview with Diane Sawyer on ABC, watched by 17.1 million viewers, then on the cover of Vanity Fair, and finally her now-cancelled reality show on Bravo, "I Am Cait," where she went on the road with fellow members of the trans community.

"I needed to pour my heart out on everything," the 67-year-old Jenner said of the book. "What I was trying to accomplish is, one, get it all out for myself, so there was no other secrets left, but two, it was the way I dealt with my stuff."

The book, co-written by Buzz Bissinger (he wrote the Vanity Fair story), has already brought on bitter, hurt tears from Jenner's third wife, Kris Jenner, whose closet Caitlyn once regularly raided as she stole moments to cross dress while struggling with her gender identity. They are moments, Caitlyn said, that Kris was well aware of before "I made love to her" after the two met in 1990.

"To be honest with you I haven't even talked to her about it," Jenner said of Kris' reaction to the book.

There were many dark times for the Olympic gold-medal winning decathlete as he went about hiding his gender struggles, including a false start in transitioning in the 1980s.

Jenner took hormones, then balked at that time, but her enlarged breasts did not disappear after the treatments stopped, requiring liposuction as she continued living as a man.

There was one moment in particular, years later, that took Jenner to the ultimate dark place, suicide. The celebrity news site TMZ distributed a photo of a disheveled Jenner emerging from a doctor's office after a procedure to have her trachea shaved so she could appear more like a woman. This was before Diane Sawyer and her formal coming out, and it felt like a painful, forced outing.

"It got to the point where I thought, you know what, I know the easy way out," Jenner said. "I got a gun in the house. ... But then the next day I thought, wouldn't that be the stupidest thing you've ever done, to silence your voice? You have the opportunity here to really make a difference, to live your life honestly."

Life these days is good. Better than good, Jenner said, though she looks forward to the day where she isn't thinking about her gender every second of every day.

"I am extraordinarily comfortable with myself," she said. "But I haven't quite got there. ... My life is so simple now. I just get up, be myself, get ready, go out, do my thing. I'm very motivated so, yeah, it's all good."

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Sandberg admits not every woman can 'lean in'

In Option B, Facebook exec Sheryl Sandberg recounts the grief she experienced after the death of her husband. She advises on how to come back stronger, with support. GETTY IMAGES

NEW BOOK

Now sees shortcomings of her previous career advice

Though perhaps best known as Facebook's No. 2 executive, Sheryl Sandberg is also a mentor, a mother, a billionaire and an author. When her husband Dave Goldberg died suddenly in 2015 while they were vacationing in Mexico, she added "widow" to the list.

"The grief felt like a void, like it was sucking me in and pushing on me, pulling me in and I couldn't even see or breathe," she said. "People who have been through things like this told me it gets better. And I really didn't believe them.... I want other people going through things to believe it does get better."

Her new book, Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy, written with psychologist Adam Grant, chronicles the devastating loss, her grief and how she emerged from it with a new perspective on life. A humbled follow-up to her first book, Lean In, it's also a how-to, drawing from studies and the experiences of others to describe techniques for building strength and resilience and ways to support those going through hard times.

Sandberg also uses the new book to address what she now sees as shortcomings in the career advice she offered women in Lean In. Surveying the world as a wealthy corporate executive rendered her oblivious to circumstances faced by less fortunate women, she acknowledged. Not everyone can lean in; not everyone wants to.

"I didn't get it," she wrote. "I didn't get how hard it is to succeed at work when you are overwhelmed at home."

> **I didn't get how hard it is to succeed at work when you are overwhelmed at home.**
> Sheryl Sandberg

The most affecting parts of the book recount not just Sandberg's grief, but that of her children. When she had to tell them that their father died. When, arriving at the cemetery for his funeral, they "got out of the car and fell to the ground, unable to take another step. I lay on the grass, holding them as they wailed," unable to protect them from their sorrow.

It did get better, slowly. Sandberg returned at Facebook in a haze, unable to summon her previous self-confidence.

"I couldn't understand when friends didn't ask me how I was. I felt invisible, as if I was standing in front of them but they couldn't see me," she writes, adding later that by staying silent in such situations "we often isolate friends, family and co-workers."

At Facebook, Sandberg has long been an advocate of "bringing your whole self to work," meaning a willingness to share your personal life with co-workers. But this can get tricky when it comes to facing trauma. Sandberg found it difficult, and even considered carrying around a stuffed pachyderm to encourage co-workers to talk about the "elephant in the room."

Then one day, about a month after Goldberg died, she decided to post on Facebook about her grief, her gratitude toward her friends, and her related tumultuous feelings — for instance, coming to believe she would never again feel real joy.

The change was immediate. Friends, co-workers and strangers began reaching out.

"I know it almost sounds silly because I certainly work at Facebook and I know what Facebook's mission is," she said. "But experiencing it for myself was a very ... deep experience."

Talking about these things, as difficult as it might be, can be a lifeline. As is getting help at work, something Sandberg acknowledged not everyone can.

"Death is not the only kind of adversity that summons up the elephant," Sandberg wrote in the book. "Anything that reminds us of the possibility of loss can leave us at a loss for words. Financial difficulties. Divorce. Unemployment. Rape. Addiction. Incarceration. Illness."

A few weeks after she lost her husband, Sandberg was talking with a friend, making plans for someone to fill in for a father-child activity. Crying, she told the friend: "But I want Dave." He put his arm around her and said, "Option A is not available. So let's just kick the s— out of Option B."

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Two minds can create Genius

THE SHOW: Genius, S1, E2 (NatGeo)
THE MOMENT: The meeting of minds

Johnny Flynn and Samantha Colley portray two beautiful minds meeting in Genius. CONTRIBUTED

University student Albert Einstein (Johnny Flynn) has met his match: Mileva Maric (Samantha Colley), the only woman in his physics program, and the only person to outscore him in math.

He wins her over by saying the exact thing they both long to hear: "I'm head over heels in love with your mind."

Now, in a scene of perfect contentment, she lounges on the floor in her chemise, a book open in her lap; he lies on his back staring at the ceiling; and they postulate ways that molecules might behave. (Here in the 1890s, they're still theoretical.)

Their eyes meet. She crawls toward him. He takes her in his arms. "Isn't it a miracle?" he breathes. "So many of us, millions and millions. However did we find each other?"

This 10-hour miniseries from producer/director Ron Howard is NatGeo's first foray into scripted fare; its free preview, on now, continues just long enough to get you hooked.

Howard has a soft spot for thorny geniuses – Apollo 13, A Beautiful Mind, Frost/Nixon, Rush. He loves celebrating their stubborn individuality, and he hits the motherlode with Einstein (played with his customary twinkle by Geoffrey Rush when the time jumps to 1930s Germany).

It's especially great that this series gives Maric her place in history. She and Einstein married, had children and divorced. Science disagrees whether she co-developed some of his theories, but this episode does more than suggest the possibility: It dramatizes the loneliness of genius, and the relief of finding a fellow beautiful mind.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

CELEBS ON INSTA MUSK STEPS OUT WITH AMBER HEARD

Both billionaire Elon Musk and actress Amber Heard posted pictures to their Instagram accounts Monday, showing Musk with lipstick on his cheek left behind from a kiss.

Musk wrote that he and Heard, who is filming Aquaman were dining with the film's director James Wan and producer Rob Cowan in Australia. They have also been photographed together zip-lining down under.

Musk has been married three times, twice to British actress Talulah Riley, and has five sons from another previous marriage. Heard and Johnny Depp settled a messy divorce last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAKE NEWS

Guide to 'fake news' wins $30,000 Business Book Award

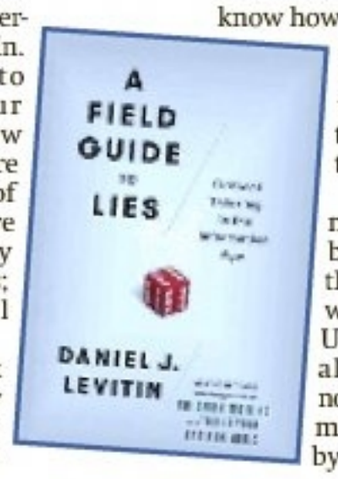
A timely guide to distinguishing fact from fiction in the era of "fake news" was announced Monday as the winner of the $30,000 National Business Book Award.

Neuroscientist Daniel J. Levitin said he was prompted to write "A Field Guide to Lies: Critical Thinking in the Information Age" (Allen Lane Canada) as a response to the "Balkanization of the news over the last 15 years."

"It's been divided up into a lot of little tiny countries," Levitin said in an interview after his win.

"We used to get all of our news from a few places. Now, there are thousands of them, and they're not all equally stable countries; they're not all equally good.

"So, I think it's increasingly important for everybody to know how to make sense out of various things that come across their computers, their phones and their desks."



The term "fake news" has quickly become a part of the modern lexicon, whether it's used by U.S. President Donald Trump to denounce unfavourable media coverage, or by content aggregators like Facebook that are attempting to stop the spread of misinformation.

While it may be a succinct way to summarize factually flawed or inaccurate stories, Levitin is not a fan of the term.

"I think it's a euphemism that we should reject, because it isn't news. It's not like it's a kind of news," he said. "Putting the word 'fake' in front of it doesn't make it news."

Levitin said the main takeaway from his book - which is now being published under the title "Weaponized Lies: How to Think Critically in the Post-Truth Era" - is that it doesn't take as much time as people fear to think in an evidence-based manner, and that the investment is worth the effort.

"Kids who do this do better in school. When we have important health and financial decisions to make, having a set of tools that we can use, I think, is essential, and that's what the book is designed to give."

Levitin, a professor emeritus at McGill University and a distinguished faculty fellow at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, has authored other bestselling titles including "This Is Your Brain on Music," "The World in Six Songs" and "The Organized Mind."

The National Business Book Award is co-sponsored by PwC Canada and BMO Financial Group. Now in its 32nd year, the prize is handed out annually to the most outstanding Canadian business-related, non-fiction book of the previous year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Maria Sharapova will return to competitive tennis on Wednesday, less than 24 hours after the end of her 15-month suspension for a doping offence

Sens inspired from within

Ottawa picked to continue its success

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Ottawa vs. New York
Pick: Senators in six.
The Sens have fully embraced the defensive identity of first-year head coach Guy Boucher. That was evident in the first round when Ottawa held Boston to only 27.5 shots per game and a mere 13 goals. The betting here is the Sens slow down the Rangers, who came back to earth in the second half offensively after a torrid start to the season.

Washington vs. Pittsburgh
Pick: Penguins in seven.
Can Capitals Alex Ovechkin, Evgeny Kuznetsov and Nicklas Backstrom outplay Sidney Crosby (seven points in the first round) and Evgeni Malkin (11 points)? Perhaps, but likely not.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Anaheim vs. Edmonton
Pick: Ducks in six.
The quality of Anaheim's depth will be the difference here. The Ducks simply have too many threats, including the always feisty Corey Perry and emerging Rickard Rakell, for the Oilers to contend with.

Nashville vs. St. Louis
Pick: Blues in six.
Jake Allen has just been a different goalie since February. The 26-year-old has posted a sizzling .942 save percentage since Feb. 1, which includes a .956 showing in the first round against Minnesota.
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2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
SECOND-ROUND PREVIEW

Teammates rally around each other's ordeals

Shortly after Ottawa's first-round playoff win over Boston, Senators captain Erik Karlsson revealed he had been playing with two hairline fractures in his left heel.

Ottawa general manager Pierre Dorion called it another example, along with Clarke MacArthur's return and Craig Anderson's resilience, of the inspiration the Senators are finding in their own locker-room as they prepare to open a second-round series against the New York Rangers.

Karlsson's performance was earning rave reviews before anyone knew of his injury, but Dorion says it's the star defenceman's personal growth that's even more impressive.

"The ability that he has to play through pain and be as dominant as he has not being 100 per cent says a lot about him," Dorion said Monday, three days before the Senators and Rangers open their series at Ottawa's Canadian Tire Centre. "That's what playoff hockey is. Battling through injuries, battling through little nicks and trying to do it for your teammates and for yourself.

"He's a special player. I've never come across a better player in my career."

GAME BY GAME

Game 1 in Ottawa
Thursday 7 p.m.
Game 2 in Ottawa
Saturday, 3 p.m.
Game 3 in New York
Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m.
Game 4 in New York
Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Game 5 in Ottawa*
Saturday, May 6, TBD
Game 6 in New York*
Tuesday, May 9, TBD
Game 7 in Ottawa*
Thursday, May 11, TBD
*IF NECESSARY
GAMES 1-4 ON CBC

MacArthur scored the overtime winner Sunday to end the series capping what has already been an emotional return for the 32-year-old.

He was shut down in January by doctors after suffering four concussions in a span of 18 months and was not expected to return to action this season, if ever. But MacArthur resumed training after a brief hiatus and stunned the hockey world returning to the ice April 4.

"Clarke is a big inspiration for us," Dorion said. "The two big goals he scored in these playoffs is part of special moments. What happened (Sunday), I don't know how many times in my career as GM that we'll have moments like we lived yesterday.

"When you see someone who worked as hard as he did this year to come back and finally there's a moment where everything falls into place and he's the guy who puts the puck in the net you're so happy for him.

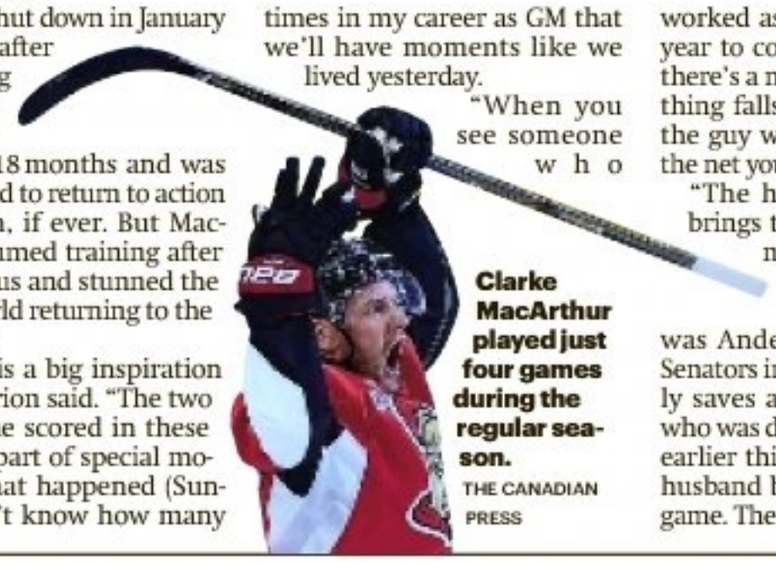
"The human side that he brings to our room helps so much."

While MacArthur scored the winner it was Anderson who kept the Senators in the game with timely saves as his wife Nicholle, who was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, surprised her husband by showing up at the game. The two hadn't seen each other in nearly three weeks as she recuperates at their home in Florida.

Dorion praised Anderson's ability to block out everything his family is going through and perform as well as he has.

"When the person you love the most on earth is going through what they're going through and his ability to block it out, to focus on his teammates, I don't know how I can put that into words," said Dorion. "He comes here and he's as good a pro as I've ever seen in my NHL career. He allows us to win every game." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senators Erik Karlsson, left, Craig Anderson and Zack Smith celebrate a victory over the Bruins. They'll turn their attention to the Rangers in the second round. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGES



Clarke MacArthur played just four games during the regular season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Zeke paves way for more RB success

Ezekiel Elliott's immediate impact last season, along with one of the strongest classes in years, have made running backs popular again heading into this week's NFL draft.

After running backs failed to go in the first round in 2013 and '14, LSU's Leonard Fournette, Stanford's Christian McCaffrey and Florida State's Dalvin Cook could be selected on Thursday. That would mark the first time since 2012 that three backs are selected on the first day.

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Elliott ran for 15 TDs last season.

"It was a good thing for us coming in right now," Cook said. "Zeke did a great job of catching the ball out of the backfield, protecting Dak (Prescott) at quarterback, and running very well behind a good offensive line."
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IN BRIEF

Jimmie Johnson makes it back-to-back victories
Jimmie Johnson has won consecutive races for the 11th time in his career with a rare victory at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Monday's victory was only the second at Thunder Valley in his career. But Johnson was strong enough to contend with Kyle Larson, the points leader and most dominant driver of the day. A speeding penalty on Larson late in the race allowed Johnson to make it look easy in the end.
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Tebow settling in at the dish
Tim Tebow had his best week in the minors, showing some consistency at the plate last week with two multi-hit games for the Columbia Fireflies.

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner and former NFL quarterback played in six of the Fireflies' seven games last week, all three at Rome and three of four with Lexington.

Columbia went 2-1 against Rome and 1-3 against Lexington.
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NBA PLAYOFFS

Grizzlies pull even despite hot Leonard

Memphis Grizzlies coach David Fizdale sat down behind the microphone after surviving a 110-108 overtime thriller that tied their first-round series with the San Antonio Spurs at two games apiece.

After Marc Gasol hit the game-winner with one second to play, the only thing better than the shot to Fizdale was that there wasn't enough time left for Kawhi Leonard to get a chance of his own.

"I'm taking suggestions on how to guard Kawhi Leonard," said Fizdale with a sigh. "I've tried everything. The guy, he's tough. Man, he's a superstar."

Kawhi Leonard
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Leonard is averaging 32.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists, shooting 58 per cent from the field. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Non-traditional Sweet Potato and Carrot Latkes

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

These latkes are less traditional but we've had these sweet patties approved by more than one Bubbie.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 10
Cook time: 10
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled, shredded and squeezed of all their liquid
- 2 large carrots, peeled and shredded and squeezed of all their liquid
- 1 scallion, finely chopped
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/3 cup spelt flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup grapeseed oil, approx.

Serve with applesauce and chive sour cream

Directions

1. Peel and chop potatoes and carrots. Once you have everything shredded, squeeze any liquid from them.

2. Heat oil in a deep 12-inch non-stick skillet over medium high heat until hot. Working in batches, spoon about 1/8 cup of potato mixture into pan and flatten with a slotted spatula. Reduce heat and cook until golden brown, about 1 1/2 minutes. Flip and cook on the other side. Remove latkes from pan and place on a paper towel to drain.

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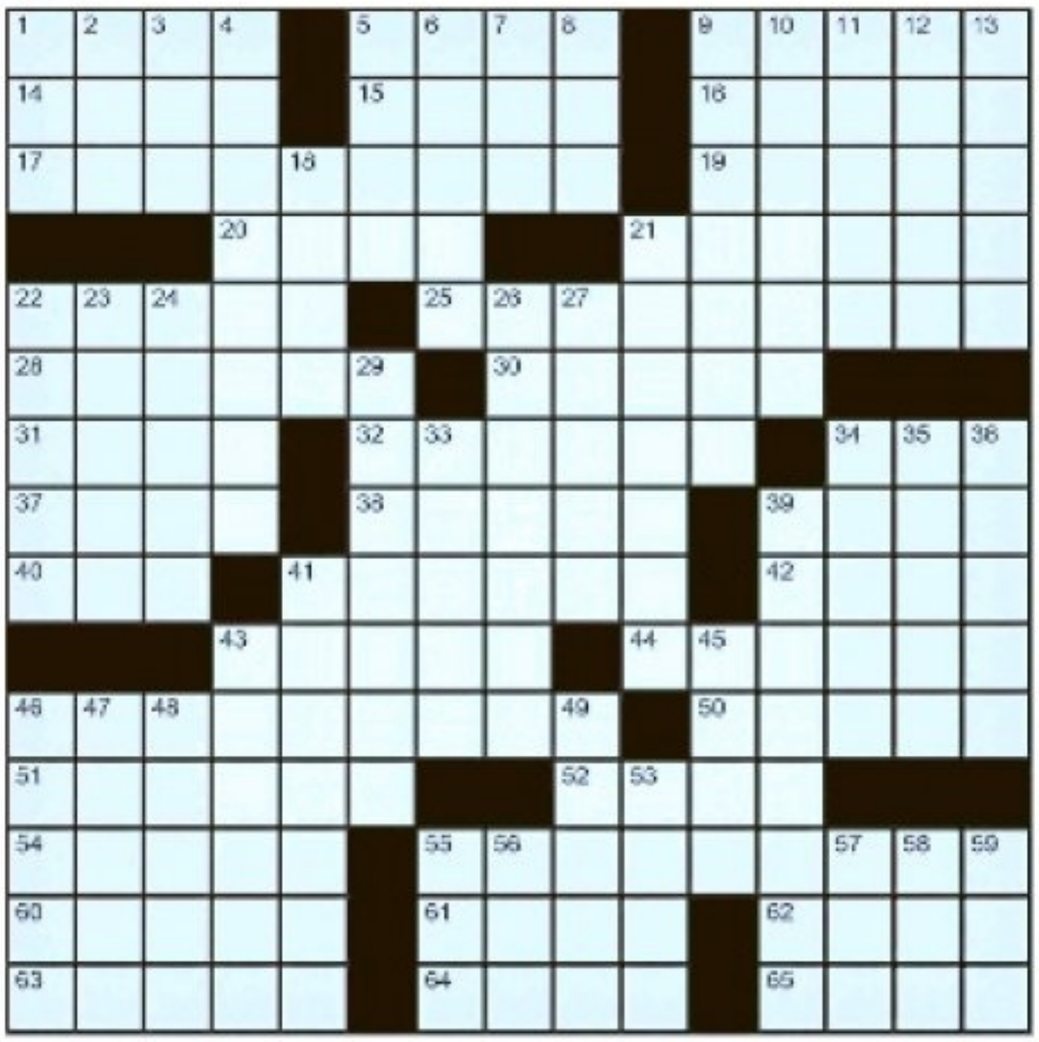

ACROSS
1. Ricky Martin's "Livin' La Vida __"
5. Well protected
9. Diamond points in baseball
14. Sci. class
15. Take apart
16. Construe
17. The brightly painted abodes that St. John's is famous for ...first word here, second and third words of answer at #25-Across
19. Indian†Ocean arm, __ Sea
20. Pink, in Madrid
21. "King __" by Elvis Presley
22. Garnish atop a plate of spaghetti
25. Continuation of the Newfoundland-themed clue at #17-Across
28. Name dropped by John Mellencamp
30. Campus groups, e.g.
31. Hurry
32. Fairylike
34. Discontinuity
37. Without _ __ (Daringly)
38. Enumerates
39. Sea lettuce
40. Docs
41. Formulate
42. Complain
43. Got word
44. Rubble
46. Saskatchewan: Rural Municipality of __ __ No. 108
50. Laconically
51. Insight
52. Confine
54. Ms. Blair of acting
55. Showy red flower
60. Stories
61. 'Breath' candy
62. The Kinks hit
63. Nap noisily
64. Lays, in landscaping
65. Competently

DOWN
1. President after JFK
2. Goose, in Quebec City
3. Mil. officer
4. "Okay.": 2 wds.
5. Stand-in profs
6. Poet's 'close by'
7. US health-related agcy.
8. Time division
9. Here Comes the Bride! Engage, 1800s-style
10. Farewells, in France
11. Wrestlers of Japan
12. School: French
13. Ecological stages
18. Fitness class with a mat
21. Made a gliding step in ballet
22. "Vamoose!"
23. Hammer
24. Schemes
26. Out of the lines in sports
27. Legal documents
29. Brush up on
33. Book, in a Quebec library
34. Lady Gaga's "The Edge of __"
35. Be of service
36. Popular garden flower
39. Rainy day implement
41. Expire on Earth
43. Tailor, at times
45. Uptight
46. Rope fibres
47. Atlantic __
48. Void, in Venice
49. _ _ _ The Sunshine Band
53. __ & Sciences
55. Pre-afternoon hrs.
56. "O Sole __"
57. Tennis shot
58. Feeling fluish
59. Enunciate

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is a powerful day for you. The Moon and Mercury are in your sign, which gives you good fortune and a levelheaded mind for making future plans.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Behind-the-scenes research will go well today, because you won't overlook details. For you, the job is everything, and you want to get it done.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone older or more experienced will give you excellent advice today. Listen to others, because it will help you — and don't we all need all the help we can get?

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A discussion with a boss or someone in a position of authority will go well today. This person is impressed with you, and the feeling is mutual. Listen to what he or she says.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
It's easy to study deep subjects today. This also is an excellent day to make travel plans. Profound discussions about politics, religion and racial issues might also occur.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Tie up loose ends pertaining to taxes, debt, inheritances and shared property today, because you have the right mindset for doing this. You are focused and will not overlook details.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A discussion with a partner or close friend will focus on practical matters today, because you are in a practical frame of mind. Outline your expectations for how to do something.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a productive day at work because you are very hands-on and ready to do things. It doesn't matter how mundane or menial the task is — you want to finish the job.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whether in the arts or in sports, practice makes perfect. Today you are prepared to practice and hone your skills. Good for you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Talk to a family member, especially someone older or more experienced, because he or she will have good advice for you today. Perhaps you want to deal with home repairs?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an excellent day for planning and discussing future plans with others. You want to take a long-term view of things and plan something you've been thinking about.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If shopping today, you will want to buy long-lasting, practical items only. Financial security is important today. (No silly or impulse purchases for you!)

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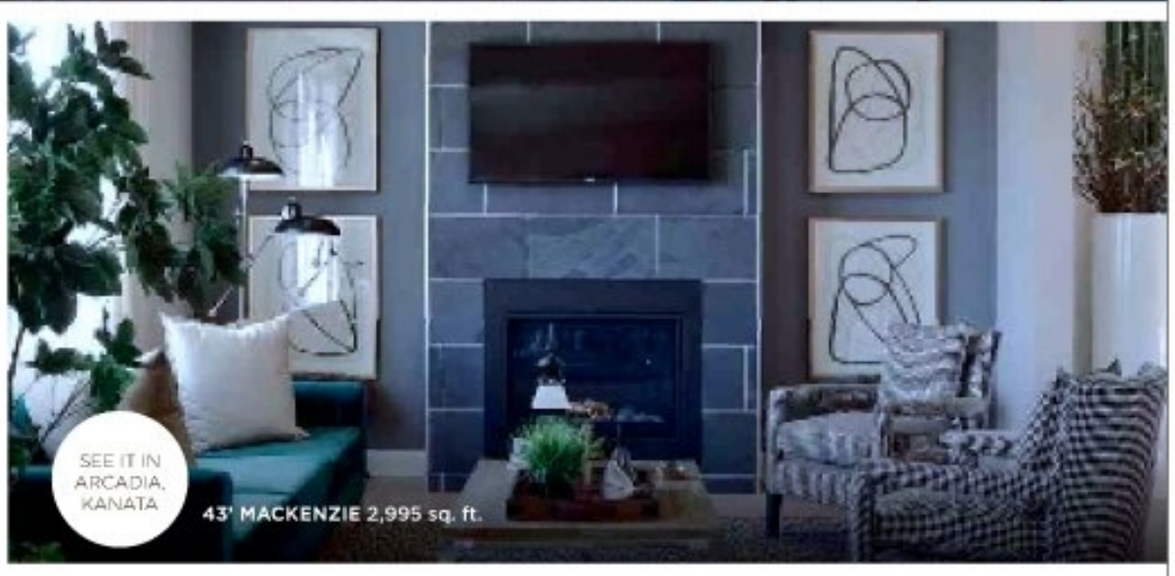

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